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CITY ADDS TRIAL BIKE LANES

Medicine Hat – The City of Medicine Hat is adding bike lanes in north Medicine Hat as part of its ongoing commitment to improve the environment.

Beginning, Tuesday, May 20, the City will begin painting bike lanes on 12 Street NE and NW and Division Avenue in Crescent Heights. The painted bike lanes are expected to be completed and ready for cyclists use by Friday, May 23, weather permitting.

"City Council identified bike lanes as part of its "Improved Environment" priority during its strategy session in February," says Mayor Norm Boucher. "We know cycling is a cheap, environmentally friendly, increasingly popular and healthy mode of transport, so Council felt bike lanes were a strategy that would contribute to a better environment by encouraging residents to bike rather than drive."

The bike lanes on 12 Street NE and 12 Street NW and Division Avenue are a trial project that will be evaluated throughout the spring and summer of 2008.

Municipal Works will be collecting feedback from various groups and the general public and reporting back to City Council in July and October with recommendations for the future.

A bike lane is a 1.5 metre wide signed and painted portion of a roadway, designated exclusively for cyclists use.

The public is reminded to be aware of traffic controls in the work area and watch for further updates as the bike lanes' project progresses.

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